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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A silver halide photographic material comprising on one side of a paper support having resin coat layers on both sides of a base paper one or more light-sensitive layers and one or more light-insensitive layers, wherein after the photographic material of an L-size (having a length of 89 mm in a machine direction of the base paper and a length of 127 mm vertical to the machine direction) is processed, the photographic material exhibits an image clarity (C-value) of 20% to 60% which is determined using a 1.0 mm optical wedge in accordance with JIS K 7105; and the photographic material comprising a light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer between a light-sensitive layer closest to the support and the support, the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer containing a mercapto-heterocyclic compound.

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**Claim 2 (Canceled) .**

**Claim 3 (Original):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer contains a thiosulfonic acid compound.

**Claim 4 (Original):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer contains a latex.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer contains a lipophilic compound dispersion.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer contains a titanium oxide.

**Claim 7 (Original):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer contains a colloidal silver.

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**Claim 8 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 9 (Canceled).**

**Claim 10 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 3, wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 11 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 12 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the light-sensitive layer

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closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 13 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 6, wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 14 (Previously Presented):** The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 7, wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer containing silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Claim 15 (New):** A silver halide photographic material comprising on one side of a paper support having resin coat layers on both sides of a base paper one or more light-sensitive layers and one or more light-insensitive layers, wherein after the photographic material of an L-size (having a length of 89 mm in a machine

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direction of the base paper and a length of 127 mm vertical to the machine direction) is processed, the photographic material exhibits an image clarity (C-value) of 20% to 60% which is determined using a 1.0 mm optical wedge in accordance with JIS K 7105; and the photographic material comprising a light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer between a light-sensitive layer closest to the support and the support and the light-insensitive hydrophilic colloid layer containing a mercapto-heterocyclic compound and wherein the light-sensitive layer closest to the support is a blue-sensitive layer contains silver halide grains having an average grain size of 0.35 to 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ .